



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: William K. Hagmann, *et al.*

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Examiner: Bradley, C.

Commissioner for Patents
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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

There is an outstanding office action mailed June 9, 2008 setting forth a one-month period for response which, in view of the accompanying petition for a one-month extension of time, now expires August 9, 2008.

In response to the restriction requirement applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, without traverse. In response to the requirement to elect a species, applicants hereby elect the species of Example 4 (including Example 4A); claims readable thereon are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9.

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